

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, December 1, 2003, is the annual World AIDS Day; and

WHEREAS, at the First Agape Baptist Community of Faith, Victory Temple Baptist Church, Harvest Assembly Baptist Church and Christian Way Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, people of faith have come together; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this World AIDS Day is: *I Care – do you? Youth and AIDS in the 21st Century*; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about spiritual interfaith work and ministering to those who need help; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about keeping up the fight against HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about supporting an estimated 36.1 million people across the world living with HIV and AIDS; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about the fact that over 8,000 people worldwide die from AIDS every single day; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about the fact that 3,927 Northern Virginians, including 866 Alexandrians, are living with AIDS; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about fighting the prejudice faced by people living with HIV and making people in power take action; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about wearing the Red Ribbon as a symbol of HIV and AIDS awareness; and

WHEREAS, World AIDS Day is about the power in our hands – lives depend on it;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2003, as:

“WORLD AIDS DAY”

and urge all citizens to take part in activities and observances designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge, to take part in HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join the local and global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of November 2003.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE **MAYOR**

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk